AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

defining alert filter criteria;

identifying an alert condition;

analyzing one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, **wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:**

> **an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and**
>
> **a severity level associated with the alert condition;**

determining whether to report the alert condition, **the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition**; and

selectively reporting the alert condition.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein: ~~the one or more properties include~~

> **the alert condition is associated with an object; and**
>
> **the alert filter criteria further comprises an** importance **level associated with the object.** ~~, severity and urgency.~~

3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition ~~includes~~ **comprises** identifying a potential alert condition.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein the **alert filter criteria further** ~~one or more properties include~~ **comprises** ~~a property representing~~ a level of risk associated with a potential alert condition.

5. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing an interest group associated with the alert condition.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing a business process associated with the alert condition.

7.   **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition ~~includes~~ **comprises**:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a dependency relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the second object to the first object.

8.   **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition ~~includes~~ **comprises**:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a containment relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the first object to the second object.

9.   (Currently Amended) A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

a filter criteria maintenance module for maintaining ~~filter~~ alert **filter** criteria;

an alert condition detector for identifying ~~an~~ **a plurality of** alert ~~condition~~ **conditions**;

an alert condition filter for filtering **at least one** identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, **wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:**

> **an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and**
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> **a severity level associated with an alert condition**;
>
> and

an alert notification module for selectively reporting ~~the~~ **at least one identified** alert condition.

10.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein**:**

at least one of the identified alert conditions is associated with an object; and

the alert filter criteria further comprises an ~~the alert condition detector assigns~~ importance **level associated with the object.** ~~, severity and urgency properties associated with the alert condition.~~

11.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the alert detector identifies a potential alert condition.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein ~~the alert condition detector assigns a~~ **the alert filter criteria further comprises a level of** risk ~~property~~ associated with ~~the~~ **a** potential alert condition.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing an interest group associated with ~~the~~ **an** alert condition.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing a business process associated with ~~the~~ **an** alert condition.

15.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter ~~includes~~ **comprises** property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a dependency relationship between the first and second objects.

16.   **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter ~~includes~~ **comprises** property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a containment relationship between the first and second objects.

17.   (Currently Amended) A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:

means for maintaining ~~filter~~ alert **filter** criteria;

means for identifying ~~an~~ **a plurality of** alert ~~condition~~ **conditions**;

means for filtering **at least one** identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria**, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:**

> **an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and**
>
> **a severity level associated with an alert condition**;

and

means for selectively reporting ~~the~~ **at least one identified** alert condition.

18.   (Currently Amended) **Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the logic operable, when executed, to:** ~~A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for reporting an alert condition, including:~~

~~computer-readable instructions for defining~~ **define** alert filter criteria;

~~computer-readable instructions for identifying~~ **identify** an alert condition;

~~computer-readable instructions for analyzing~~ **analyze** one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria**, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:**

> **an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and**
>
> **a severity level associated with the alert condition**;

~~computer-readable instructions for determining~~ **determine** whether to report the alert condition**, the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition**; and

~~computer-readable instructions for~~ selectively ~~reporting~~ **report** the alert condition.